

**South Plains College**  
**Common Course Syllabus: PHYS 1401**  
**Revised Summer 1 2023**

**Department:** Science  
**Discipline:** Physics  
**Course Number:** PHYS 1401.001  
**Course Title:** General Physics 1  
**Available Formats:** hybrid  
**Campus:** Levelland

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**Course Room:** S65

**Course Description:** Fundamental principles of physics, using algebra and trigonometry; the principles and applications of classical mechanics and thermodynamics, including harmonic motion, mechanical waves and sound, physical systems, Newton's Laws of Motion, and gravitation and other fundamental forces; with emphasis on problem solving.

**Pre-requisite:** MATH 1316 or consent of instructor.

**Credit hours:** 4      **Lecture hours:** 3      **Lab hours:** 3

**Course Textbook:** Physics, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition by James Walker, required (online access code not required)

**Supplies:** Students will each need a three-ring binder, a spiral notebook or loose-leaf paper that will fit inside the binder, a notecard or notecards no larger than 3" by 5", a scientific calculator (not a phone), and writing utensils. For any outdoor lab activities, each student may want an outdoor blanket or lawn chair.

**This course partially satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement:** Life and Physical Sciences Foundational Component Area (030)

### **Core Curriculum Objectives addressed:**

**Communication skills**--to include effective written, oral, and visual communication.

**Critical Thinking skills**--to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.

**Empirical and Quantitative skills**--to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.

**Teamwork skills**--to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students shall be able to:

1. Determine the components of linear motion (displacement, velocity, and acceleration), and especially motion under conditions of constant acceleration.
2. Apply Newton's laws to physical problems including gravity.
3. Solve problems using principles of energy.
4. Use principles of impulse and linear momentum to solve problems.
5. Solve problems in rotational kinematics and dynamics, including the determination of the location of the center of mass and center of rotation for rigid bodies in motion.
6. Solve problems involving rotational and linear motion.
7. Describe the components of a wave and relate those components to mechanical vibrations, sound, and decibel level.
8. Demonstrate an understanding of equilibrium, including the different types of equilibrium.
9. Discuss simple harmonic motion and its application to quantitative problems or qualitative questions.
10. Solve problems using the principles of heat and thermodynamics.
11. Solve basic fluid mechanics problems.
12. Demonstrate techniques to set up and perform experiments, collect data from those experiments, and formulate conclusions from an experiment.
13. Record experimental work completely and accurately in laboratory notebooks, and communicate experimental results clearly in written reports.

**Student Learning Outcomes Assessment:** A pre- and post-test will be used to determine the extent of improvement that the students have gained during the semester.

**Breakdown of Grading:**

Homework/Lab exercises	10%
Quizzes	10%
Exam 1	25%
Exam 2	25%
Midterm project	25%
Final	5%

**Grading scale:**

100---A---90, 89---B---80, 79---C---70, 69---D---60, 59---F---0

**Note:** Final grades will be calculated using the above grade breakdown at the end of the semester.

(**Bonus points** may be given for assignments and activities that are considered above and beyond course requirements. *Students are strongly encouraged to attempt all bonus assignments.* Points for bonus activities will be added onto one quiz grade.)

**Attendance Policy:**

Attendance in this class will be taken from completed assignments. Everything done face-to-face in class will be recorded and posted on Blackboard. If a student feels ill with ANY symptoms of COVID-19, the student will be required to stay home and complete the assignments for the day at home.

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or test for COVID-19.

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or 806-716-2376. Proof of a positive test is required. A home test is sufficient but students must submit a photo of the positive result. The date of test must be written on the test result and an ID included in the photo. If tested elsewhere (clinic, pharmacy, etc.), please submit a copy of the doctor's note or email notification. Results may be emailed to DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu).

A student is clear to return to class without further assessment from DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN if they have completed the 5-day isolation period, symptoms have improved, and they are without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Students must communicate with DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN prior to their return date if still symptomatic at the end of the 5-day isolation.

**You should always check Blackboard before coming to class in order to make sure that class has not been cancelled due to the instructor's illness.**

## **Computer/Software requirements**

### **Minimum Computer Requirements:**

1. Personal computer with a 1 GHz Pentium processor and at least 512 MB of RAM memory, a minimum 5 GB of free hard drive, running Windows 7 / MacOS 10.8 or later (Windows 10 / MacOS 10.12 recommended).
2. Web Browser: Google Chrome seems to work the best with Blackboard and HOL.
3. A high speed internet connection of 5+ Mbps.
4. Microsoft Office and Microsoft PowerPoint and Word software (a recent version, preferably 2016 or higher).
5. Windows Media Player (the latest version).
6. Soundcard and functioning speakers.
7. Knowledge of how to navigate Google Chrome web pages and how to deal with pop-up blockers and other devices and warnings on Google Chrome.
8. Knowledge of how to download files from the Google Chrome and find them on your computer once they are downloaded.
9. Knowledge of basic operations of Microsoft Word and Microsoft PowerPoint.
10. Knowledge of how to view and adjust videos with Windows Media Player.

### **Additional notes on technology:**

I will respond to individual emails as quickly as I can. I will always send a reply email when an assignment is sent through email to let the student know that I have received it. If you send me something through email, and you do not receive a response within 2 school days, please resend it. I will always at least touch base with you within a 2-day time period unless I am ill. Also, a student will not be punished in the event that Blackboard or an SPC server is down when an assignment is due. If you need to print, turn something in, or access something online, please try to do so ahead of time and not at the last minute in order to avoid this situation.

### **Academic Integrity**

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. Classroom behavior that is not conducive to learning will be dealt with according to the guidelines set forth on the South Plains College Catalog. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

**Student Code of Conduct Policy:** Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

**Diversity Statement**

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

**Disabilities Statement**

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

**Non-Discrimination Policy**

South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

**Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement**

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email [rcanon@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:rcanon@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

**Campus Concealed Carry Statement**

Texas Government Code 411.2031 et al. authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings by individuals and in accordance with Texas Government Code 411.209 (a). All holders of a valid Texas License to Carry may carry on their person a handgun that is concealed in accordance with Texas Penal Code 46.03 (a-2).

Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy. Individuals may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>

Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

## PHYS 1401 General Physics 1 Tentative Daily Schedule Summer 1 2023

<p>Day 1 June 5 Introduction (Work on getting textbook asap, read over syllabus, and start reading Ch 1 before first day of class if possible) Lecture on Ch 1 Lab 1—Measurements and Units Start Ch 2 lecture</p>	<p>Day 6 June 21 <b>Exam 1</b> on Ch 1-5 Finish lecture for Ch 6 Lab 6—Force <b>Midterm Projects due by 5pm</b></p>
<p>Day 2 June 7 Lecture on Ch 2 cont Lab 2—Vector Voyage HW Ch 1 due Draw Midterm project topics Start Ch 3 lecture</p>	<p>Day 7 June 26 Lecture on Ch 7 Lab 7—Simple Harmonic Motion/Hooke's Law HW Ch 6 due</p>
<p>Day 3 June 12 Finish Ch 3 lecture <b>Quiz 1</b> over Ch 1 &amp; 2 Lab 3—Distance-Velocity-Acceleration, How Do You Rate? HW Ch 2 due Start lecture for Ch 4</p>	<p>Day 8 June 28 Lecture on Ch 8 &amp; 9 Lab 8—Conservation of Energy/Marble Rollercoaster Review for Exam 2 <b>All Bonus assignments/opportunities due</b> HW Ch 7 due <b>Exam 2</b> (Ch 6-9)</p>
<p>Day 4 June 14 Finish Ch 4 lecture Lab 4—1D Rocket Lab HW Ch 3 due Lecture on Ch 5</p>	<p>Day 9 July 3 (July 4 Holiday) Highlights/Selected topics from Ch 10-13 Lab 9—Density/Hot Air Balloon Lab 10—Rotational Motion</p>
<p>Day 5 June 19 Lecture on Ch 6 Lab 5—Projectile Motion Review for Exam 1 HW Ch 4 and 5 due</p>	<p>Day 10 July 5 Open note <b>Quiz 2</b> over Midterm Projects HW Ch 8 due Review for Final Exam</p>
	<p><b>Final Exam</b> will be posted on Blackboard by 8am on July 7 and will be due by midnight on July 7. The final will be submitted electronically to <a href="mailto:kbouldin@southplainscollege.edu">kbouldin@southplainscollege.edu</a></p>